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Budget: During 1971-72, a sum of Rs. 73,710.95 was spent out of a non-plan budget provision of Rs. 74,100. A sum of Rs. 11,000 was provided on the plan side and Rs.10,982.49 was spent. For 1972-73, a provision of Rs.90,000 has been made in the non-plan budget and a provision of Rs. 18,000 made on the plan side.

Building: The construction of a multi-storeyed building for the Orissa State Archives has been completed. The State Archives occupied the first and second floors of the Record Storage portion in 1971. The remaining three floors of the Record Storage portion are expected to be made available to the State Archives shortly.

Accession of Records: In all 278 files, 24 volumes and 73 loose records of "Revenue Branch" (1549-1950) of different Collectorates and of "Museum Branch" (1600-1906) of Cultural Affairs received in the State Archives.

Besides, family papers of Dinabandhu Das, Raja Manjusa, S.R. Satapathi, S.M. Haroom, Chaudhry M.N.Das, M.S.Das, papers and photostat copies of Jagannath Temple, records, papers of Cuttack Printing Company etc. covering the period from 1824 to 1933 were also acquired.

Arrangement of Records: Records of the Revenue Branch (1549-1950) and Museum Branch (1600-1906) received during the period were arranged.

Appraisal of Records: The list of 'B' & 'C' class Revenue records received from the District and Sub-Divisional Offices were appraised according to the rules laid down in the Orissa Record Manual (1964).

Research and Reference: 17 scholars availed themselves of the research facilities. Only 1 Government query on records was attended to.

Reference Media: Descriptive Listing of Balasore Revenue records was in progress.

Publication Programme: Descriptive Lists of Cuttack and Balasore Revenue records up to the year 1820 had been taken up for publication.

Preservation: 8,352 sheets of records were flattened. 5,213 sheets were repaired with tissue paper and 7,431 sheets of records were guarded. Besides, 239 volumes including Library books, gazettes, newspapers and 237 files were bound after repair.

Library: 240 books were acquired for the Library, which include two pre-1900 publications.

Other Important Activities: Two posts of Senior Technical Assistants, two posts of Watchers and one post of Sweeper were created for the State Archives.